

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

H.J.R. No. 71

adopted amendments of that section, and the power is preserved in accordance with the prior law.

(l) The repeal of Section 66, Article XVI, does not affect the pensions payable under that section and those pensions shall be paid in accordance with the prior law.

(m) The reenactment of any provision for purposes of amendment does not revive a provision that may have been impliedly repealed by the adoption of a later amendment.

(n) The amendment of any provision does not affect vested rights.

SECTION 57. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 2, 1999. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution."

Passed by the House on May 6, 1999: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 62 on May 27, 1999: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 1999: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

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H.J.R. No. 69

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase property and casualty insurance from certain mutual insurance companies.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 52(a), Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the Legislature shall have no power to authorize any county, city, town or other political corporation or subdivision of the State to lend its credit or to grant public money or thing of value in aid of, or to any individual, association or corporation whatsoever, or to become a stockholder in such corporation, association or company. However, this section does not prohibit the use of public funds or credit for the payment of premiums on nonassessable *property and casualty*, life, health, or accident insurance policies and annuity contracts issued by a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in this State.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 2, 1999. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase nonassessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that the political subdivision purchases life, health, and accident insurance."

Passed by the House on May 3, 1999: Yeas 139, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 18, 1999: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of State

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H.J.R. No. 71

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to provide for the number of precincts that certain counties must create for justices of the peace and constables.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 18(a), Article V, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each county in the State with a population of 50,000 [30,000] or more, according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than four and not more than eight precincts. Each county in the State with a population of 18,000 or more but less than 50,000 [30,000], according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than two and not more than eight [five] precincts. Each county in the State with a population of less than 18,000, according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be designated as a single precinct or, if the Commissioners Court determines that the county needs more than one precinct, shall be divided into not more than four precincts. Notwithstanding the population requirements of this subsection, Chambers County and Randall County, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than two and not more than six precincts. A division or designation under this subsection shall be made by the Commissioners Court provided for by this Constitution. Except as provided by ~~Subsection (e) of~~ this section, in each such precinct there shall be elected one Justice of the Peace and one Constable, each of whom shall hold his office for four years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified; provided that in a county with a population of less than 150,000, according to the most recent federal census, in any precinct in which there may be a city of 18,000 or more inhabitants, there shall be elected two Justices of the Peace, and in a county with a population of 150,000 or more, according to the most recent federal census, each precinct may contain more than one Justice of the Peace Court. *Notwithstanding the population requirements of this subsection, any county that is divided into four or more precincts on November 2, 1999, shall continue to be divided into not less than four precincts.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 1999. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts."

Passed by the House on April 29, 1999: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 71 on May 20, 1999: Yeas 145, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 18, 1999: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Secretary of State

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H.J.R. No. 74

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to provide that the commissioner of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 30, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) If the legislature establishes an office, known as the office of the commissioner of health and human services or known by any other title, that is filled by appointment by the governor and that is the single governing office of the state agency responsible for coordinating the planning and delivery of health and human services by the state health and human services agencies, the person holding that office serves at the pleasure of the governor notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section or any time limit prescribed by other law.

SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to the Texas Constitution: